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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following: 1.

A Preliminary Amendment

Entity Status 2.

Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) is appropriate for this case.

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: 3. An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.

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